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COURT REPORT

CHILD'S NAME [redacted] Moshe **DATE OF BIRTH** [redacted]

PRESENT LOCATION:

Living with Parents

FAMILY COMPOSITION

MOTHER: [redacted] **DATE OF BIRTH** [redacted]
ADDRESS

FATHER [redacted] **DATE OF BIRTH** [redacted]

OTHER CHILDREN	DATE OF BIRTH	LOCATION
[redacted]		

Measures Recommended

The Youth Court of Quebec is asked to declare that the security and development of Moshe [redacted] is compromised under articles 38B1iii and 38F of the Youth Protection Act, and to order the following measures:

- Order that Moshe be entrusted to the care of his parents;
- Order that Moshe attend school on a daily basis in person or by a ministry approved home schooling program;
- Order that the parents receive educator services to help establish structure and boundaries in the family home;
- Order that Moshe and the parents collaborate with the DYP and meet on a regular basis when requested;
- Highly recommend that Moshe obtain services to address his mental health diagnosis.
- Authorize the DYP to exchange and obtain pertinent information with service professionals working with the family including speaking directly with his current doctors to obtain further information on his diagnosis and treatment plans;
- Order that Aid, Counsel and Assistance be provided to the family for a period of one (1) year;

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PART I—EVALUATION

PRESENTATION OF FAMILY

The Department of Youth Protection received a signalement concerning Moshe [redacted] (16). The child resides with his parents, [redacted]

The family is not previously known to the Department of Youth Protection.

SUMMARY OF SIGNALEMENT (#[redacted]

On May 13th and June 1st, 2022, the following allegations were reported to the DYP:

- Moshe was registered in homeschooling, online, but he refused to attend and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were unable to get him to attend.
- Moshe would spend most of his time in his room, lacking any social stimulation.
- Moshe and his family were receiving services from the CLSC Café program however they stopped attending after a few months of service.
- Moshe was being followed by psychiatrist Dr. Rachel Kronik from the Jewish General Hospital, but did not follow through with the recommended medical treatment, despite his parents' encouragement. Moshe, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] met with family therapist Ms. Linda Greenberg on a weekly basis but they stopped that service as they felt it was not helping.
- Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] did not have any authority over Moshe and struggled to set boundaries and provide structure.
- [redacted]

On July 7, 2023 a third signalement was reported to the DYP with the following allegations:

- Moshe was found in the parking lot of the SQ, dressed in black, filming the officers as they came and left from the station;
- Moshe refused to identify himself to the police officers when asked
- Moshe was reported by the SPVM to the SQ for filming at various police stations in the city and they requested he be arrested.
- Moshe was brought to the police station where his mother picked him up

The signalement were retained as CODE 3 under Articles 38b1ii, 38b1iii and 38f of the Youth Protection and assigned to David Spinner on September 18, 2023 for Evaluation.

STEPS TAKEN TO VERIFY ALLEGATIONS

Moshe: This caseworker met with Moshe during a scheduled interview at the family home on October 17, 2023. Despite this caseworker's repeated requests to not film the intervention and this caseworker, Moshe continued to do so. Mrs. [redacted] tried to take the phone from Moshe, but she was not successful. Moshe refused to respond to this caseworker's questions regarding the allegations in the signalement. He would not corroborate or deny the reports, nor would he confirm if he was working at [redacted] as reported by his parents. Moshe questioned the authority that this worker had to be present in the home and to ask the questions. Moshe refused to sign any consent forms for this worker to speak with Dr. Kronick or Ms. Greenberg therefore it was difficult to understand his stance on the allegations in the signalement.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] This caseworker met Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] in a joint interview at the family home on October 17, 2023. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] corroborated the allegations in the signalements. They confirmed that in May and June 2022, Moshe was refusing to attend his home-schooling classes, which were followed by the Ministry of Education. They stated that Moshe was registered in English, Math, French as well as some Jewish education classes given in the community. They worked closely with the Ministry to put an educational plan together but he refused to attend or participate in the classes. They confirmed that with the support and agreement of the Ministry of Education, Moshe was no longer required to attend school, as long as he was working, which he is doing at [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] reported that Moshe was being followed by Dr. [redacted] for at least 6 months but they stopped because Dr. [redacted] felt there was nothing more for her to do at that time. She had prescribed him medication, which he took for a short period of time, but then decided to stop as he did not feel it was helping him. They also received services from therapist Ms. Linda Greenberg, but they did not connect with her, and so they did not continue with her. [redacted] The couple corroborated the allegation that Moshe was caught filming at several police stations in the city. They stated that Moshe once saw a video online stating that since police officers are public figures it was not illegal to film them. Following this, he decided to film the police here because he does not trust authority. They were unable to identify where his distrust for authority came from.

OTHERS INTERVIEWED

Mr. Stephane Hernandez – CLSC Park Extension Worker, CAFÉ Program:
This casework spoke with Mr. Hernandez during a telephone interview on September 22, 2023. Mr. Hernandez stated that he worked with the family for a period of 6 months in 2022. He stated that the main issue in the home was that the parents did not hold authority over the children, especially [redacted] and Moshe. He stated he tried to get them to set boundaries and be more authoritative but they were unable to maintain the structure required. Mr. Hernandez stated he worked collaboratively with Dr. Kronick and Ms. Greenberg however the family stopped attending the meetings so he had to close their file.

Ms. Shannon Babcock – Minister of Education, homeschooling department:
This caseworker spoke with Ms. Babcock during a telephone interview on October 19, 2023. Ms. Babcock reported that she has been working with the family for 3 years to help Moshe achieve his academic goals. She stated that during this time Moshe refused to attend his home-schooling classes online, despite the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] to support him in the process. Ms. Babcock confirmed that with the support of Dr. Kronick, she agreed to pause Moshe's educational plan as long as he continues to work. She stated that she checks in with Mrs. [redacted] on a regular basis to ensure that Moshe is working. She added if Moshe stops working then they will have to re-visit his educational plan.

[redacted] ***Therapist:***
This caseworker spoke with [redacted] during a telephone interview on October 27, [redacted] She added that she was aware of the concerns regarding Moshe and she tried to assist them in being more authoritative with him. She reported that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were unable to sustain structure in the family for an extended period of time and Moshe took advantage of them.

Ms. Linda Greenberg – Therapist, Jewish General Hospital:
This caseworker made several attempts by telephone and email to communicate with Ms. Greenberg. She declined to communicate with this caseworker without a signed consent from Moshe.

Dr. Rachel Kronick – Psychiatrist, Jewish General Hospital:
This caseworker made several attempts to communicate with Dr. Kronick by telephone and email, but she declined to communicate with this caseworker without a signed consent from Moshe.

DOCUMENTS CONSULTED

Montreal Children's Hospital dossier – Received November 2, 2023
In Moshe's medical dossier the following was found:

- A letter dated August 2021, written by psychologist Janet Silverstone expression concerns that Moshe was suffering from an anxiety disorder. In the letter it is

noted that while he was not displaying any disruptive behaviour, he was withdrawn and isolated. Attempts made to help Moshe were unsuccessful.

- In September 2021, Mrs. brought Moshe to the emergency room for a psychiatric evaluation due to his anxiety. The family was referred for further services by Dr. Greenfield.
- In August 2022 Moshe was brought to the emergency room following postings made online about committing suicide. The remarks were flagged by an online service and the police were sent to the home. Moshe was admitted to the hospital despite him denying making the comments. He was released the following day with a plan to follow up with his psychiatrist Dr. Rachel Kronick from the Jewish General Hospital.

CASEWORKER'S OBSERVATIONS

The family home is hygienic, filled with many religious books and a variety of posters and pictures on the walls of religious figures. Mr. and Mrs. were cooperative with this caseworker. They appear supportive of one another, but struggle with authority over Moshe. This caseworker observed Mrs. being unable to take Moshe's phone away from him and Mr. did not attempt to intervene. Moshe refused to cooperate with this caseworker, or listen to his parents' attempts to get him to respond to this caseworker's questions.

THE NATURE, GRAVITY, PERSISTENCE AND FREQUENCY OF THE FACTS REPORTED:

- Moshe is not currently attending school; however he is working as part of a plan supported by the ministry of education.
- Moshe's behaviour regarding filming people in authority is an on-going concern with regards to his mental health, and he refuses to accept services from the community.
- These issues have been long standing as the parents have reached out to community partners to assist with his behavior however they have not been successful.

THE CHILD'S AGE AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Moshe is -year old who does not follow the house hold rules and he appears to be controlling of his parent's ability to set in place any form of structure, routine or household rules. He is refusing to attend school and to collaborate with the professionals from the DYP.
- Moshe's refuses to cooperate with any form of therapeutic intervention put in place by his parents, and does not have any suggestions of his own. He refuses to collaborate with the mental health professionals that have been involved therefore they have had to close his file as there was a lack of collaboration.
- Moshe questions the validity of individuals who enforce laws and presents with concerns about authoritative figures. This behavior has become increasingly concerning as he does not fear authority or consequences which raises further concern to his mental health issues.

THE CAPACITY AND THE WILL OF THE PARENTS TO PUT AN END TO THE SITUATION IN WHICH THE SECURITY OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD IS IN DANGER:

- Mr. and Mrs. are well intentioned parents who are motivated to put and end to the situation but lack the capacity to enforce rules, boundaries or structure in the family home. They have tried to employ a variety of techniques but struggled to sustain them over a period of time where they were able to see results. They have also attempted to get their son the support he needs for his mental health however he does not comply.

THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S PARENTS:

- The parents have used the services of the CLSC, a couple therapist, as well as two professionals from the Jewish General Hospital Department of Psychiatry however they have not been helpful nor has Moshe been cooperative in fully attending all the therapeutic services offered to him.

DECISION

In light of the above, the DYP considers the facts founded believes the security and development of Moshe compromised Article 38B1iii & 38F of the Youth Protection Act.

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PART II—ORIENTATION

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION

- On November 16, 2023, the file was assigned to caseworker Ms. Tamana Nabizada (HRA) in orientation.
- On November 29, 2023, the caseworker met with Mr. and Mrs. at their residence. Mrs. mentioned that she had informed Moshe about the meeting via text, however he reported he would not be joining as he left for work. Mrs. reported that Moshe was not talking to her for the last week yet she did not know the reason why. Recently he has started sending her txt messages and their communication has somewhat increased. Both parents refused to sign consent for the caseworker to have contact with external professionals that were involved with the family. Initially, Mrs. had no objection signing the consent forms however she changed her mind when she saw that her husband would not be signing the documents. Mr did not believe there was a need for the DYP to contact previous professionals as he reported that his son would soon be turning 17 years old and would no longer need to attend school legally.
- On December 7, 2023, the caseworker tried to contact Mrs to schedule a meeting with Moshe but she did not answer.

- On December 8, 2023, the caseworker asked Mrs. for Moshe's contact information to contact him. Mrs. initially stated that Moshe did not have a SIM card and uses an app to text or call. Later, she mentioned that she did not know if she wanted to provide this caseworker with her son's phone number given that she knows he does not want to have any contact with the DYP workers. Mrs. was then requested to forward the message to Moshe that the caseworker would like to speak with him.
- On December 12, 2023, Mrs. reported that her son refused to meet with the DYP worker and would not collaborate further. She reported that he is no longer filming professionals as he is avoiding them and thus issues have no arose.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Family History

Past Clinical, Therapeutic and Non-Clinical Interventions

The family received services from social worker, for six weeks about four years ago who noted that he could not help Moshe as he would not express himself. Moshe was also evaluated by a school psychologist who suggested Mrs. take

Moshe to the emergency. After going to the ER, Moshe was referred to the CLSC to obtain services and along with a referral to psychiatrist Dr. Rachel Kronick at the Jewish General Hospital. The family was assigned to Mr. Stephane Hernandez through the CLSC and they received twelve therapy sessions in 2022. Dr. Kronick then referred the family to therapist Ms. Linda Greenberg. Dr. Kronick was involved with the family for about a year and a half in 2021 and prescribed Moshe with Prozac to help him with his anxiety. Moshe took the medication for a few weeks however he then stopped. For the past three years, the family has been receiving services from Ms. Shannon Babcock from the Ministry of education, home schooling department.

CHARACTERISTICS AND GENERAL FUNCTIONING OF THE CHILD

Moshe is a [redacted]-year-old boy who is described as introverted, kind, and shy by his parents. His parents believe he is physically healthy yet emotionally they believe he is struggling with depression and anxiety. According to Mrs. [redacted], he shares a close bond with his [redacted] brother and his peers at [redacted] He has an average appetite with good hygiene. He spends most of his time on his computer playing games. Both parents report that he is often working on his website yet they are not aware of what type of website this is as they have never seen it. Moshe was described as quite confrontational with professionals of power. He reported knowing the laws regarding his rights and often felt the need to provoke them by filming them even though he did not have their consent. To date, Moshe has not been collaborative with the DYP professionals.

CHARACTERISTICS AND GENERAL FUNCTIONING OF THE PARENT(S)

[redacted] While she admits that she does not have a good relationship with Moshe, she believes their relationship will improve in due time.

[redacted]

SOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY FAMILY

Both parents recognize the concerns related to Moshe's behaviour, being oppositional, and not attending school. However, they believe that his behaviour is improving and given that he has stopped filming professionals of authority, the situation has significantly decreased in severity. Thus, they believe there is no need for DYP to remain involvement. Mr. [redacted] noted that "educational, his time is expiring" and Ms. Babcock has informed them that Moshe is doing well and is "learning new things"

ANALYSIS

Rationale for ongoing DYP involvement and orientation

Throughout the course of DYP involvement, both parents have been transparent and recognize the DYP's concerns related to their situation. However, they are not committed to correct the situation and are not open to receiving services from the DYP in ensuring their son's well-being and educational development. They further refuse to receive support in building effective communication and parenting strategies to ensure healthy and positive parenting and communication between themselves and their son. They believe that the situation is improving on its own and thus the DYP's involvement is unnecessary. Both parents presented as lenient in their parenting styles and are not determined to take active steps to address the issues at hand. Considering Moshe's behavioural issues in regards to his mental health, his negative relationship with his parents, his lack of attendance in school, the parent's lack of acknowledgement and determination to take active steps to put an end to the situation, at the fact that the parents do not seem to know what type of activities their son engages in, the DYP believes it is necessary to remain involved at this time. Given that the family does not feel that there is need for DYP involvement, the DYP has opted to orient the file through adjudication.

Goals and objectives of planned interventions

The goal of the intervention is for Moshe to remain in his parents' care by ensuring that he attends school and that his emotional and educational development is being addressed. In order for this to occur, the following objectives must be met:

- For Moshe to attend school on a daily basis;
- For Moshe to receive the appropriate mental health services that he requires;
- For Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] to receive services and support from an educator to help them address their parenting and communication difficulties;
- For Moshe to learn how to communicate effectively with his parents by following the house rules and setting appropriate boundaries for himself;

Measures Recommended

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FAMILY'S REACTION TO THE PLAN

The family is not in an agreement with the proposed plan.

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Dec 15, 2023
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